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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS submitted on 8/5/98
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13
- ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- ☒ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____
- ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
- ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) 3
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Art Unit: 2733

1. Claims 1-13 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: The prior art of record does not teach nor render obvious one or more remodulators optically communicating with the optical transmitters in the first set of optical transmitters, the remodulators placing information from the information-bearing optical signals of the first set of optical transmitters onto optical channels in the wavelength division multiplexed optical communication system, each of the remodulators comprising: an optical-to-electrical conversion, means for receiving, N means for creating optical signals including the information from each of the N electrical signals, each of the n optical signal-creating means communicating with the means for separating the received signal into N electrical signals, the N optical signal-creating means each outputting an information-bearing optical signal corresponding to an optical channel in the wavelength division optical communication system as described in the context of claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Alexander et al(439), Green, Jr., Taga et al and Frenkel teach optical WDM remodulator systems.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rafael Bacares whose telephone number is (703) 305-4928. The examiner can normally be reached during the week from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan, can be reached on (703) 305-4729. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-5403.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4900.


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TITLE OF INVENTION BIT-RATE TRANSPARENT WDM OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH REMODULATORS

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THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.

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